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## NOTICE

BILLS for all Monies Due by me should be presented to me on or before the 15th SEPTEMBER, 1907. All outstanding accounts due to me, if not settled on or before the 15th SEPTEMBER, 1907, will be passed into the hands of my Solicitors.  
J. W. OSBORNE.  
Hongkong, July 21, 1907. 1184

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Hongkong, July 26, 1907. 1217

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, HONGKONG, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of August, 1907, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th June, 1907.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, July 31, 1907. 1260

### HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the REGISTER of SHARES of this Corporation will be CLOSED from TUESDAY the 6th to the 17th day of August, 1907, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. R. M. SMITH,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, July 31, 1907. 1249

### HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the COMPANY, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, CONNAUGHT ROAD, on MONDAY, 18th August, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1907.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 15th August, both days inclusive.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
T. I. ROSE,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, July 20, 1907. 1233

## Business Notices.

### W. S. BAILEY & CO. ENGINEERS & SHIPBUILDERS.

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s.s. HONAM, 2,358 tons, Captain H. D. Jones.  
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Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 10 p.m. (Saturday Excepted).

Departures from Canton to Hongkong daily at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Sunday excepted).  
The S.S. FOWAN will leave Hongkong every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 p.m. from Queen Street Wharf West, returning from Canton every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 5.30 p.m.

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s.s. SULAN, 1,551 tons, Captain E. H. Grainger.  
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#### Canton-Macao Line.

s.s. LUNGSHAN, 219 tons, Captain T. Hamlin.  
Departures from Macao to Canton on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 p.m. Departures from Canton to Macao on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 5 p.m.

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One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 a.m. and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 5.30 a.m. Round trips take about five days. These vessels have Superior Cabin Accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.  
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### THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of 80 Cents per Share for the six months ending 30th June, 1907, will be payable on the 17th August, on which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Office.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 17th August, both days inclusive.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, August 2, 1907. 1285

### INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR & EXPRESS TRAINS COMPANY.

(THE GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN  
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HAVING been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, we shall be pleased to give any information as to rates of passage, etc., in connection with above.  
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Godowns, Nos. 171 to 173, SHAR TONG TAU, Praya West, on (M. Lot Nos. 204 to 206), formerly known as the Po On Godowns, the lease for which having expired—have been taken possession of by the Landlords, and business will be carried on under the name of the KUNG YIK GODOWNS. The owners are prepared to accept goods on storage at very moderate rates, and avail of the opportunity to give notice that loans at most favourable rates of interest may be obtained from the Undersigned against goods stored in the KUNG YIK GODOWNS.  
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TELEPHONE: No. 321.  
ADDRESS: 81, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.  
U YUK CHI,  
Managing Director.  
Hongkong, July 2, 1907. 1100

## WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

TENDERS will be received at the HEAD QUARTERS OFFICES, VICTORIA BARRACKS, until 12 Noon, on 20th August, 1907, for the Supply of FLOUR for six months commencing 1st OCTOBER, 1907. Forms of Tender and any particulars can be obtained on application to this Office, personally or by letter, addressed to the Officer Commanding Army Service Corps, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. The Tenders must be properly completed, signed and dated, and no tender will be noticed unless delivered upon the proper form at the Head Quarter Office by 12 o'clock noon on 17th August, in a closed envelope marked "TENDER FOR FLOUR" on the outside.  
The right to reject any or all Tenders is reserved.  
Head Quarter Offices, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, August 9, 1907. 1300

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Hongkong, July 27 1907.

### MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

#### Auctions.

11 a.m.—Auction of One Marine Triple  
Expansion Engine, &c., at No. 1, Re-  
clamation Street, Yau-mat.

Noon—Auction of Sundry Wines and  
Spirits, &c., at Messrs Hughes &  
Hough's Sales Rooms.

#### Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Yen-wai* undelivered after  
this date subject to rent.

#### General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, August 17:—  
Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong and  
Shanghai Banking Corporation, at the  
City Hall.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Silk Em-  
broideries, &c., at Messrs Hughes &  
Hough's Sales Rooms.

Goods per *Isak* undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.

MONDAY, August 19:—  
Noon—Meeting of Hongkong & Wham-  
poa Dock Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.

3 p.m.—Auction of Leasehold Property  
to Mr Geo. P. Lamont's Sales Room.

Goods per *Glamorgan* undelivered  
after this date subject to rent.

Goods per *Prize* *Edel* *Friedrich* unde-  
livered after this date subject to rent.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1907.

### THE OBEDURACY OF SHUM.

REPORTS in regard to the intentions of  
ex-Viceroy Shum—assuming that the  
latest report is true and that he is now  
really an ex-Viceroy—have been so  
numerous and so contradictory that  
foreigners have, to a large extent, ceased  
to take any interest in that official or  
his movements. However, there would  
seem to be no good reason for disbeliev-  
ing the announcement we made yesterday  
on the authority of our Shanghai corre-  
spondent that Shum's appointment to the  
Two Kwang had been cancelled. Our  
Chinese edition received an independent  
telegram of the same import from  
Peking and further verification is found  
in the message from Canton published  
in this issue. It may therefore be  
assumed that Shum's obduracy has won  
its reward and that he ceases to be of  
special interest to the south of China.  
Shum being disposed of it behoves us to  
consider what will be the probable effect  
of the appointment of Chang Jen-Chun.  
As we pointed out yesterday Chang has  
the advantage of considerable personal  
experience in the Kwang Provinces. He  
is said by Chinese who profess to know  
something of his sentiments to be an  
"enlightened" official. It is sincerely  
to be hoped that this is true. There is  
plenty of work in the neighbour-  
ing provinces for an enlightened  
official. The Kwang people have  
lately been showing that a rebellious  
spirit is abroad and it will take a wise  
brain and a firm hand to keep them in  
order. Some reason exists for the  
revolt against authority. Failure of  
crops always operates in the direction of  
making the collection of taxes seem  
more oppressive, and it is not only the  
Chinese who at such times turn upon  
the officials. The discontent has been  
embodied by the imposition of fresh  
taxation to meet the demands of the  
Central Government. This is the  
greatest obstacle that Chang will find  
in his path. Although the power of a  
Viceroy in the provinces over which he  
rules are practically those of an au-  
tocrat he cannot carry out the scheme  
of government which seems to him best.  
If by wise administration he manages to  
get the finances of the provinces into  
good order that fact is speedily com-  
municated to Peking. As Peking is in  
a chronic state of impecuniosity a de-  
mand for an increased contribution from  
the provinces immediately follows and  
the good work done by the Viceroy is  
destroyed. At the present moment the  
demands of Peking are particularly in-  
sistent. The reorganisation of the army,  
the construction of a navy and general  
reforms are to cost a large sum of money.  
In whatever way that money is obtained  
the burden rests upon the "common  
people," and they are in no condition to  
bear any addition to their load. There-  
fore H. E. Chang has a difficult task  
before him. If, however, he is suf-  
ficiently strong to drive his own furrow  
and to resist the importunities of Peking  
he will make a great name for himself.  
The opportunity that Shum missed is  
his to-day—may he accept it!

### THE TRUNK TRAGEDY.

#### Adsett's Arrested.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, August 14.

Adsett was arrested at Chefoo yester-  
day afternoon.

He left Shanghai on Sunday on board  
the Haining.

#### The Official Confirmation.

The police received a wire from the  
north shortly after midnight, confirming  
the announcement that Adsett had been  
captured at Chefoo.

Since it has been known that the man  
Adsett was distinguishable by gold filled  
teeth, anyone else who has had similar at-  
tention from the dentist has been the sub-  
ject of rude stares. A gentleman who has  
been annoyed in this direction writes us  
saying he has the gold crowns but his  
character is above reproach.

The above telegram, which came early  
this morning, is brief and to the point, and  
in order to have full details of the arrest  
we wired our correspondent at Shanghai to  
obtain the fullest possible information from  
Chefoo. There has been ample time to re-  
ceive a reply, seeing that our cable was  
despatched about 8 a.m., but so far  
nothing has come to hand.

#### LOCAL AND COAST NEWS

Singapore has been proclaimed an  
infected port by Hongkong.

Writing under date of August 10 our  
Amoy correspondent says: On Thursday  
8th, H.B.M.'s river gunboat, *Thistle*, came  
into port from Swatow and is to stay until  
Saturday. A Chinese gunboat, also, arrived  
here on Wednesday last, the *Yuen Kai*,  
from Foochow.

#### Hongkong's Attractiveness.

A Chinaman who had been banished  
no less than three times again returned to  
the Colony and was again caught. He was  
sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment  
with six hours in the stocks. Evidently  
he likes Hongkong.

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The engagement is announced in London  
of Vice-Admiral S. A. Johnson (retired)  
and Mrs G. J. W. Cowie, formerly of  
Shanghai.

President Roosevelt sent a telegram  
congratulating the Emperor of China on  
his Birthday. The telegram was duly pre-  
sented to the Emperor by the Waiwun.

Major-General and Mrs Thomas of the  
Salvation Army, commanding the Army in  
Japan, arrived on the morning of July 29th  
at Tsuanga from Vladivostok. They left  
the same evening for Tokyo.

Sir Henry Berkeley returned from a  
trip up the coast yesterday afternoon,  
having spent an enjoyable time. Sir  
Henry only remains in town for a day or  
two. He then proceeds to Japan.

Mr T. S. Baker, of the Hongkong and  
Shanghai Bank, has been put forward as  
the candidate to represent the Chamber of  
Commerce and Exchange on the Singapore  
Legislative Council, in the place of Mr W.  
H. Shelford.

H. E. Baron Mumm v. Schwartzstein,  
the German Minister at Tokyo,  
has been visiting Hokkaido and Saghalien  
and expresses the highest opinion of  
their richness in mineral and general  
productiveness.

Mr H. H. J. Gompertz left by the  
Monteale for Canada to-day on leave.  
Mr F. A. Hazeldan returns to the police  
court as first Magistrate and Mr C. D.  
Melbourne will resume the duties of  
second Magistrate.

There is a report that Yuan Shih-kai will  
enter the Peking Government and will be  
appointed Deputy Prime Minister of the  
new Cabinet, the appointment being made  
public after the 9th of August (1st day of  
the 7th moon).

#### CHINESE IN THE NAVY.

The action of the Admiralty in ordering  
the *Shearwater* to supply the places of the  
stokers who deserted at San Diego with the  
Chinamen was, no doubt, justified by the  
emergency; but it is, none the less, a high-  
ly regrettable incident, writes the "Even-  
ing Standard." The mess-deck of a sloop  
of her class is not large, and the fleetmen  
will hardly relish the propinquity of John  
Chinamen. Thus those who stuck to their  
duty will be punished, not those who  
deserted. Apparently, the *Calcutta*, which  
is a British port. Was it impos-  
sible to find twelve Chinamen willing  
to join as naval reservists and take the  
place of the deserters? It would have  
been more expensive, no doubt; for an  
emergency rate would have had to be  
paid. I wonder whether there will be  
any protest in the House about the  
"servile conditions" to which these Chin-  
amen will be bound? And, if not, why  
not? This is certainly a case in which  
further information should be sought, and  
given. At least it may be hoped that the  
Government will be prepared to give  
assurances that it is an isolated incident.

#### THE DOCTOR AWAY FROM HOME

PEOPLE are often very much disap-  
pointed to find that their family  
physician is away from home when they  
most need his services. Diseases, like  
cramp colic and diarrhoea require prompt  
treatment, and in many instances prove  
fatal before medicine can be pro-  
cured or a physician summoned. The  
right way is to keep at hand a bottle of  
Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diar-  
rhoea Remedy. No physician can prescribe a  
better medicine for these diseases. Sold  
by all chemists and storekeepers.

### BY TELEGRAPH.

#### CHINA'S THRONE.

##### Proposed Abdication of the Empress.

(From Our Correspondent.)

PEKING, August 4.

An Imperial Decree commands the  
Grand Council to assemble in con-  
ference in connection with the proposed  
abdication of the Empress Dowager, who  
has reported her intention of retiring on  
next Chinese New Year Day.

#### ARREST OF MR OZORIO.

One of the two men wanted in Manila  
on charges of falsifying account books was  
arrested yesterday. Mr Ozorio is the man's  
name and after getting clear of Manila he  
went to Macao where he remained until  
yesterday. The local police, acting under  
instructions from Manila, were keeping their  
eyes upon the Macao boats and arrested  
Mr Ozorio on his return here. Mr Ozorio  
it is said came back to Hongkong in order  
to take passage on the German Mail. He  
was brought before Mr F. A. Hazeldan at  
the Magistrate's this morning and pleaded  
not guilty. Chief Detective Inspector  
Hanson, who was accompanied by Detec-  
tive Guertin from Manila, applied for a  
week's remand, which was granted.

#### SUPPRESSING OPIUM.

Discontent Near Amoy.

(From Our Correspondent.)

AMOY, August 10.

In various places the Chinese authorities  
are endeavouring to obey the Edict about  
opium. For instance, in Tong An County  
(in which Amoy is situated) the District  
Magistrate has ordered the closing of all  
the opium shops and taverns in the county  
city, but has himself opened a Government  
bureau where old men over 60 may  
purchase a limited quantity for their own  
use only.

Murmurs of discontent are heard, how-  
ever among the people of the city against  
this action of the Magistrate, and as the  
people are famed for turbulence, it is feared  
some outbreak of rebellion may follow.

#### AMOY IMPROVEMENTS.

(From Our Correspondent.)

AMOY, August 10.

Many folks will remember that Amoy  
used to be called the dirtiest city in China,  
though that was before they had seen  
Peking! But I am glad to report that it is  
measurably cleaner than of yore. A band  
of street scavengers are to be seen daily,  
actively at work, cleaning away the mounds  
of rubbish and dirt that so quickly and  
mysteriously accumulate in towns. It is  
very soon now not to go about with eyes  
closed, but it is certainly easier to pick  
one's way about without stepping into filth  
or puddles, and, while a globetrotter might  
still find fault with much around him, those  
who can compare the present with the not  
so very distant past are able to see a great  
change for the better.

In addition to the "new brooms" of  
the street-sweepers, there are also to be  
seen the batons of the policemen. Dressed  
now in white uniforms for the hot summer  
months, they parade the streets or lounge  
at suitable corners, "panopied in all the  
majesty of the law." They are a small  
race of men, and are mostly from Foochow,  
it seems, as they do not all of them speak  
the Amoy dialect fluently. Great are the  
mysteries of a "uniform"! What intelli-  
gence, but very real power and authority it  
seems to confer upon its wearer! How  
often they use their batons, I cannot say,  
but the very possession of them inspires  
awe!

#### DASHED TO DEATH.

Aerial Aspirations.

According to Buddhist theology Kwan-  
on is the god of mercy incarnate. But  
superstition invests him with all sorts of  
supernatural powers, which he is privileged  
to impart to tried believers. One of these  
powers is the delightful sport of sailing  
through the empyrean on a bank of purple  
cloud. The "Taiwan Nippo" says, accord-  
ing to a translation in the "Japan Times,"  
that Ko Aoki, a naturalised Chinese,  
aged 31, living in Tainan-shi, Shinhoku,  
Formosa, was (for he is no more) a  
zealous believer in Kwan-on. He took it  
into his head that he had acquired the  
aviatory power. On the 18th of June he  
dressed himself all in white and, disregard-  
ing his mother's protest, went out, saying  
that he was going to have a ride on the  
cloud. He was seen no more, till his de-  
composed remains were found some days  
ago at the foot of the precipitous Lion's  
Head peak. It is believed he climbed the  
peak, and, waiting for a purple cloud,  
walked on to it from a projecting cliff.

#### CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC, CHOLERA AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

THERE is probably no medicine made  
that is relied upon with more implicit  
confidence than Chamberlain's Colic, Cho-  
lera and Diarrhoea Remedy. During the  
third of a century in which it has been in  
use, people have learned that it is the one  
remedy that never fails. When reduced  
with water and sweetened it is pleasant to  
take. Sold by all chemists and store-  
keepers.

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good deal of trouble. Anyone who makes  
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Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand  
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chemists and storekeepers.



## BY TELEGRAPH.

## KAID MACLEAN.

## On the Way to Fez.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, August 13.

Raouli, the leader of the Moroccan Brigades, has handed Kaid Sir Harry Maclean over to the Kikass tribesmen, who are reported to be conveying Sir Harry to Fez.

## ARMY CHANGES.

## New Inspector General.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

London, August 13.

The following changes have been officially announced:

Lieutenant General Sir J. D. P. French to succeed His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught as Inspector General of the Forces.

Major General H. L. Smith, Director to succeed Lt. General French as General Officer Commanding in Chief at Aldershot.

Under date August 8 Reuters states that General H. F. Grant, G.C.B., has been appointed to succeed His Excellency General Sir C. Mansfield Clarke, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., as Governor of Malta. He assumes office in October next, and will occupy the residence of the Commander of the Infantry Brigade. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught will occupy the Palace at Valletta, upon assuming the position of Commander in Chief of the Eastern Mediterranean.

[The appointment of His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to Field Marshal, Commander-in-Chief and High Commissioner for the Mediterranean, rendered vacant the important post of Inspector General of the Forces and President of the Selection Board, and this has necessitated the changes above announced. Lieutenant General Sir John Denton Pinkstone French is comparatively young for the position he now occupies, for he was born in 1852. His very successful operations in the South African war brought him into great prominence and on his return to England in 1901 he was appointed Commander of the First Army Corps. Major General Horace Lockwood Smith-Barrow has served in several campaigns, particularly in Africa and India. He was Adjutant-General in India from 1901 to 1903 being then appointed to the Command of the Fourth (Queen's) Division in India.—(K.M., C.M.)]

## [REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

## RIOTING AT BELFAST.

London, August 12. Following the strikes at Belfast, there was a riot yesterday evening, arising out of an attempt to rescue prisoners.

The police made repeated baton charges, and the military had ultimately to be called out.

The infantry used their bayonets. The cavalry charged the rioters who threw broken bottles. Many were wounded on both sides. Five hundred police, and fifteen hundred soldiers are now on the scene.

LATER. Twenty-five soldiers, including two officers, were wounded in yesterday's rioting at Belfast, and forty rioters and two women have been treated in the hospitals. The authorities have made a request for more troops.

## THE SLUMP IN AMERICA.

London, August 12. The announcement that the New York Central and Pennsylvania Railroads, controlled by Mr. Harriman and his associates, would be prosecuted for alleged infringement of Anti-Trust laws, has enhanced the sensation in American financial circles, some of the members of which, however, attribute the slump as much to the stringency of money.

## RAILWAYS NEAR AMOY.

## Chinese Inquiring.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Amoy, August 10. A near date has been fixed for a mass meeting to be held in Amoy, with the Tactai of Amoy as Chairman, to discuss the question of further important railways in this Province.

The idea is to raise money to build a line to connect with the Canton-Hankow railway, on the one side, and with the proposed railways in the neighbouring Province of Che-Kiang.

As the country inland is so mountainous the cost of the first of these lines will be tremendous, and it will require a good many tunnels, but, if built, it would be of very great benefit to trade. One can but hope that the schemes may eventually be successful.

## SPORTING.

## Water Polo.

The Corinthian Yacht Club met the Royal Engineers "A" yesterday in the Hongkong Water Polo Competition and won by four goals to nil. The Corinthians had the better of the game from start to finish, but the Royal Engineers put up a strong defence, Walsh in goal being particularly good. He made a number of remarkably good saves. The spectators were roused by the vigorous play and frequently cheered the Royal Engineers for the plucky fight they put up. R. C. Wittehall, C. J. Cooke, J. Millar and E. Humphreys scored the goals. Wittehall played well for the Corinthians and Vaughan for the R. E.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club beat the Royal Engineers "B" by six goals to nil, after having the better of the game right through.

The Royal Engineers have improved wonderfully. They have pace and stamina, but still need to practice handling the ball. Next season, if the teams can be kept together, the R. E. will be no weaker than bottom.

To-morrow the V. R. C. "A" team play the 87th Company, R. G. A. This should prove an exceptionally good match and will no doubt attract a large crowd.

On Saturday the 87th play the Corinthians—this match also will be worth watching.

## Swimming.

On Tuesday next at 5.30 p.m. the V.R.C. will run off a three lengths swimming handicap and a team race (two lengths). The water polo match which resulted in a draw on Saturday will be repeated.

## Tennis at Amoy.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Amoy, August 10. Tennis Handicaps are all the rage just now on the Kulangsu Recreation Ground. Two are now on, ladies' and gentlemen's doubles, and gentlemen's singles. The final of the first was played on Friday, 9th, and won by M.F. Ewart-Joseland and Miss Minnie Farrow, after a well contested game, the scores being 5-7, 8-6, 6-2.

The singles will be completed next week given fine weather. It is intensely hot just now, and it is for many people more comfortable watching the play than engaging in it, though of course the exercise is good for the liver.

## Cricket.

## A MATCH AT AMOY.

On Saturday afternoon last the I. M. Customs played the "World" at cricket on the Kulangsu ground, Amoy. The Customs won the toss and elected to bat, declaring the innings closed with seven wickets down for 71 runs, of which Whiting made 31. Owing to the waning light the "World" had little chance, but succeeded in keeping the wickets up till the close of play, when the score stood at nine for 58 runs. Whiting made 27. The game thus ended in a draw in favour of the Customs.

## HOME NOTES.

F. A. TARRANT, the Anglo-Australian, is the first man to score 1,000 runs and take 100 wickets this season. His record now stands:—

Batting: 32 innings, 4 times not out, 1,052 runs, average 37.57.

Bowling: 1,716 runs, 114 wickets, average 15.05.

## SOUTH AFRICA BEATEN.

Surrey beat the South Africans at the Oval on July 13 by eighty-five runs, after a gallant effort by J. H. Sinclair, W. H. Shalder, and R. O. Schwarz to pull the game out of the fire. They have now played fourteen games, won nine, lost one, and drawn four.

The South Africans have been so often seemingly in a bad way, and then by a great effort in their second innings have put matters square and either won or drawn a match that looked hopelessly lost, that the ordinary person has been wondering how long it would go on.

The ordinary way there would have been little interest in the concluding stages of the match, seeing that the Colonials required 213 runs to win and had only four wickets to fall. But every man on the Africans' side is a batsman as well as a bowler, and something great was expected, and so there were plenty of people present to see Surrey's triumph.

J. H. Sinclair, the giant of the team, and the hardest hitter playing in first-class cricket, made a splendid 64, and Shalder (26) and Schwarz (30) also made fine runs against the bowling of Knox, Crawford, Rushby, and Smith. Perhaps they might have won the game had not Sinclair called Shalder for an absurdly short run. The last-named, although he could see that only an accident could save his wicket, threw his own innings away to keep Sinclair in. A fine bit of sportsmanship.

After this the match was over in doubt, and the Africans said that Surrey were undoubtedly the best county side they have met. A nice compliment, which cuts both ways.

The heroes of the match from the Surrey point of view were Tom Hayward, who made 100 runs, and 85; N. A. Knox, who had nine wickets for 140 runs; Strudwick the wicket-keeper, who did not give a bye away, and caught two men; and J. N. Crawford, who scored 85 and took eight wickets for 145 runs.

Sinclair, with 89, was easily the top scorer for the South Africans, and Vogel, eight wickets for 140, and Faulkner, four for 42, carried off the bowling honours.

## TALL SCORING.

Some remarkable cricket was witnessed on July 12 at Chatham during a match between teams representing the Royal Engineers and the Royal Navy and Marines. Playing for the latter, Lieutenant A. H. Du Boulay carried his bat through an innings with occupied three hours and three-quarters, and realised 532 runs for six wickets. Of this total Lieutenant Du Boulay was responsible for no fewer than

402 runs. He hit with great vigour, scoring 53 fours and lifting the ball over the rails on six occasions.

Other performances were:—

BATTING.  
J. T. Tyldesley, Lancs. v. Northants, 141  
C. B. Fry, Sussex v. Lancs, ... 102  
H. H. Killeck, Sussex v. Gloucester, 81  
F. A. Tarrant, Players v. Gentlemen, 79  
G. H.irst, Yorks v. Essex, ... 78  
G. L. Jessop, Gloucester v. Kent, ... 74  
H. L. Simms, Sussex v. Gloucester, 74  
J. Seymour, Kent v. ... 70  
\* not out.

BOWLING.  
Braund, Somerset v. Warwick, ... 7 for 36  
Harry, Lancs. v. Sussex, ... 7 for 28  
Huggins, Gloucester v. Kent, ... 6 for 47  
N. A. Knox, Surrey v. S. Africa, ... 6 for 54  
Aspell, Leicester v. Hants, ... 5 for 18  
Hallam, Notts v. Derby, ... 5 for 21  
G. A. Faulkner, S. Africa v. Surrey, 4 for 20  
G. C. White, ... v. Yorks, 4 for 34

## Boxing.

LONDON, July 13.—Jack Johnson, the negro boxer, knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons at Philadelphia in the second round.

## JAPAN'S FINANCES.

## A Pessimistic View.

The "Nichi Nichi" takes a desponding view of the national finances. In an article which has been summarised by the "Japan Times," it puts the question "How much financial burden can be borne by this people?" That the last Diet passed in a nonchalant manner a heavy budget of ¥600,000,000 is no more proof, in the Nichi Nichi's opinion, that the popular capacity is equal to the burden than the ¥1,000,000,000 recorded as the total capital of the fresh post-bellum enterprises can be taken as the real capacity of the present economic world for new undertakings. On the contrary, the paper finds that the difficult circumstances accompanying the actualisation of that swollen budget call for serious attention to the fundamental financial question. The answer to the query is to be found in the people's capacity for bearing public loans. And, as a matter of fact, the appearance is that they have exhausted their resources in this direction. The despairing prospect for loan raising by the Government is a sure sign that the Government's inability to carry out the budget is traceable to its having exhausted the popular capacity for bearing the budget.

## CHRISTIANITY IN JAPAN.

## A Remarkable Editorial.

An editorial in a recent number of the "Kirisutokyo Shimpo" under the heading "Victory of World Principle" says, as we learn from a translation in the "Japan Mail":—"The World Student Conference recently held in Tokyo has illustrated to us the great principle of international brotherhood by actual example. It pictured before our eyes the old faith of the Gospel of Christ is a religion of salvation for all people, the Jews, the Greeks, and all. About the same time the movement of the Salvation Army showed us that they are fighting with that huge organization, and with a great idea of making the whole world God's Kingdom, thus realizing their spirit of love and sympathy for all human beings. On the other hand, Gen. Booth and Secretary Motz who are respectively the brain and life of these two movements have shown us in their persons what a world's great man and an international hero should be, one as a friend of the common people and the other as a leader of the church. The result is that those who once advocated a Japanism of form of Christianity, or cried out for the establishment of a national church, together with those who, under the beautiful name of independence and self-support undertook to exclude foreign missionaries from our land, have come to yield to a broader principle. They are now recognizing the work of the Y. M. C. A., applauding the movement of the Salvation Army; and finally have come to use their efforts for the establishment of God's Kingdom and that by the united endeavor of all human beings. We sincerely hope that our Christians will have a mind-broad as the heaven and seas; and with brave and healthy spirits, with great and extensive organization, promulgate the true spirit of the Gospel which is universal and international. We rejoice over the victory of the world principle and are thankful that our long-cherished desire is being fulfilled."

## BANDITS NEAR FOOCHEW.

FOOCHEW, August 5.

The bandits of the district of Wuping, Fukien, have caused trouble and tried to kill officials and the local authorities have sent telegrams to the provincial capital for assistance. Viceroy Sung has ordered Magistrate Cheng with a number of soldiers to proceed to the place to take up the bandits. The bandits are now in the prefecture of Tungkong and is in the border of Kiangsi, Kwangtung and Fukien, 100 li south west of Tungkong.—"Shanghai Mercury."

## WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 14th at 12.05 p.m. The barometer has fallen moderately over S. Japan and N. China.

The depression lying to the S.E. of the Loochoos yesterday, appears to have recurred to the N.E.

Pressure, however, has not increased over Luzon, and it is still in defect of the norm by about 0.1 inch in Manila. Probably a low pressure trough is lying over the N. part of the China Sea.

Light to moderate variable winds are indicated in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day 0.00 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow.

FORECAST DISTRICT.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood: E. or variable winds, light or moderate; showery.

2.—Formosa Channel: Variable winds, light to moderate.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Luzon: Same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: Same as No. 1.

## OUR LONDON LETTER.

(From Our Correspondent.)

London, July 16.

Strange, as it seems to us, summer has come! This last week-end has been hot and close, no waterfalls and fairs have been held aside, fires have been abolished in the drawing rooms, and the British farmers are getting in the dark and sodden masses of growth that they will later dignify to the buyer as "best hay."

The "Birmingham Daily Post," which has special facilities for gaining information from the Chamberlain family, is responsible for a paragraph to the effect that Mr. Chamberlain will not take his place in the House of Commons this session, nor, of course, will he address any meetings but the paper is able to announce without reservation of any kind that there is every reason to believe he will resume attendance at Westminster next year. The uniformity of his progress gives full assurance of this happy consummation.

I understand that the "all-red route" connecting England with Australia and the Far East by a service of heavily subsidised steamers, specially built for speed, will not come to any effective head for years to come. In fact the idea is stillborn. In spite of the activity of Canadians like Lord Strathcona to boom it, Australians have poured opposition on the idea that they should contribute heavily to a subsidy, and in the House of Commons at Home there is a party strongly opposed to shipping subsidies as a branch of "the principles of Free Trade." Moreover Australia is making a fresh contract for ten years carriage of the mails via Suez.

The British Army is not very much pressed into route marching. The French forces have much more of this to do than ours, and during the war the Japanese made some remarkable marches. While not desirous of putting our men to such severe tests as those war-time marches it has been arranged for experiments to be carried out in the autumn manoeuvres to find out the marching powers of the various commands. It is thought very likely, in view of the success of other troops in this matter, that our regulations may need revision. All the manoeuvres are to be strictly practical this year, and will be shorn of the flimsy splendour that appeals to the onlooker.

The most remarkable thing about London just now is the growth of the motor cars. They are now everywhere, and their popularity is such that there is very little standing still for them. According to strict tariff the ordinary horse cars are cheaper, but the absence of the taximeter from these vehicles leaves the passenger frequently arguing with the driver and it often happens that the fare paid is over the lawful demand. On the other hand, when the motor car arrives at its destination there is the tell-tale machine to fix the charge, and I have frequently found the score against me less than I would have handed out without a murmur to a hansom or a growler driver. The result of this growing popularity is that there are more cab companies coming out, and connected with that there is an increase of capital of some of the motor manufacturing companies such as the Argylles and the Daimlers, the explanation being given that the increase is due to the demand for motor cars and motor vehicles for commercial purposes. There was a big meeting the other day of hansom cab drivers who decided to petition in favour of a scale of charges beginning at a mile for sixpence instead of a shilling. The motor cars charge eightpence a mile. I hear also that when a hansom is offered for sale nowadays it brings in about as many shillings as it would pounds a couple of years ago. Incidentally, this development is benefiting the rubber companies, and the eyes of the promoter are turned to all the ends of the earth to discover fresh territory to exploit. The Malay concerns are doing well, also the Borneo companies, and there are new enterprises announced this week for Sumatra.

Mr. Lynch, the Irishman who fought for the Boers and then claimed a seat for Ireland, was surprised last week to hear that the King had pardoned his treasonous efforts. He will be remembered as the man who ill-advisedly claimed his seat for Galway and was indicted for treason. He has since been appointed Paris correspondent for the "New York World." But that is incidental to his activities, for with the versatility of his race he has mastered French and German, is a civil engineer, a doctor of philosophy, a master of arts, and just before he received this free pardon he passed as a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians. He intends to take his degree from the Royal College of Surgeons in October. Not that he means to practise; it is just an overmastering fancy for achieving something new.

Bisley rifle meeting opened in vile weather and then settled down into splendid conditions. The keenest contest of the week has been that of the Kolapore Cup. The odd thing about it was that the mother country and the Australian team tied with a score of 778 for first place. But according to the rules of the contest the Mother country was given the advantage because her team did best at the longest range, 800 yards. The Australians took second, while Canada followed with 703, Germany, 740.

## JAPAN'S PROTECTORATE IN KOREA.

(To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian.)

Sir,—We request respectfully that you will allow us space in your columns for a statement of facts to the British public. We consider that what we have to say is of interest in Great Britain not only on account of its intrinsic importance from the paramount points of view of justice and international honesty, but also because it is well that the British people should know to what extremities their allies in the Far East may be driven by political ambition.

We assume that no honest-minded Englishman in private life would care to associate himself, or to see his name associated, with that of an inopportune and dishonest man, and we assume that the feeling of the nation at large, in international matters should not be less exacting. We do not for a moment pretend that international interests of great moment should be ruled by timid conventionalities such as at times govern social intercourse, but when matters attain a degree of undignified and manifest perversity, coupled with treachery, in the service of a lie which constitutes oppression in one part of the world and deceit and forgery in the rest of the world, we think that nations have to be even more exacting than individuals, for the sake of the higher morality, without which social or international life cannot be carried on.

Korea, the country which we represent not only officially but as being the children of its people and of its soil, has been most grievously and most infamously dealt with by the Government of Japan, the selfsame Government which to-day boasts of its alliance with Great Britain as a victory never before seen in the annals of human history. We venture to question if the British people will be satisfied with this alliance when they know the treachery carried out by Japan against Korea, and the permanent lie upheld by Japan to maintain its usurpation of our rights.

Possibly the British people may see in Japan's behaviour to Korea a warning of future danger, for a traitor is a traitor at heart and a traitor to all, and he will only be true as long as his interests and ambitions do not lead him to be false.

Our words to the British public are both a cry of anguish of a defenceless people and a warning to a great and powerful nation which on more than one occasion has espoused the cause of weak and oppressed peoples.

After the war between China and Japan in 1894, Japan notified all the Powers that Korea was independent; in the declaration of war in 1905 the Mikado stated that one of the causes of the war was that selfsame independence of Korea. On November 10, 1905, Marquis Ito arrived at Amoy and Extraordinary from Japan to Korea. On November 15, he was received by the Emperor. After presenting his credentials he requested the Emperor of Korea to accept the following treaty:—(1) The Korean Minister of Foreign Affairs should be appointed by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Tokyo. (2) The Japanese Minister at Korea to exercise the functions of Supreme Administrator. (3) The Japanese Consul at Korea to exercise the functions of Superintendent.

Marquis Ito sought by all possible means to prevail upon the Emperor to sign the above-mentioned treaty. Threats, promises, cajoleries—all were in vain; the Emperor did not sign. One of his Ministers yielded to fear and signed the treaty, to which Marquis Ito himself affixed the seal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. These are the essential details of the transaction, to which might be added a long list of crimes of violence, the voluntary sacrifice of highly respected public men in Korea, who took their own lives; in order to inspire the people with courage in defence of their independence, and many other details of a sombre and melancholy nature, with which we do not wish to weary your attention, but which mark a dread epoch of terrible sadness for Korea. According to the laws of our country, and also to international law, no treaty signed without the Emperor's signature, and without the Emperor's signature, is not a treaty. The treaty which Marquis Ito extorted from the Prince Minister has never been ratified by our Emperor, who, on the contrary, on each and every occasion has repudiated it. The Japanese Government, knowing that we had no force to oppose to it, has been satisfied to act upon the basis of a worthless document. It would have been more courageous and more deserving of a self-respecting people frankly to acknowledge that its right was only the right of force.

We have come to the Hague as the delegates of the Korean Emperor, and we therefore cannot be admitted at the Conference. Thus we are debarred from representing our Emperor and our country on the strength of a forged and incomplete document.

We ask if instead of an international treaty which does not bear the ratification of the competent authority and which has only one of the many signatures that should be affixed to it, which itself was obtained by violence, and instead of being the Japanese Government it was a Japanese subject who was seeking to pass a bank-note not signed by all the officials of the respective bank, what would be the treatment meted out to that Japanese subject? He would be treated as a forger of public notes seeking to defraud the public and to enrich himself by forgery.

What does the difference come in? What are the Japanese doing as a nation? They are benefiting by a forged document for which they have obtained a semblance of authenticity by violence, thus aggravating the crime of forgery. When people have acted thus low is it to be wondered at that they should seek by every possible way to prevent their victims from pleading their cause before the civilised world? A telegram has been published from Seoul stating that our Emperor repudiates our action and declares that our credentials are spurious. The news comes from Seoul, which is entirely in the hands of the Japanese, and is an additional falsehood. Our Emperor is in the position of a prisoner. The Japanese who are his goliards are the only ones who can speak, and they will certainly speak only in favour of their interests.

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Empire, we have the right and the duty of speaking to the world as Koreans. We want to make it known that our country has been deprived of its independence by false and treacherous means, and that every effort is being made by the Japanese to give an air of fairness and of justice to their, dastardly proceedings. If Japan were convinced and sure of the honesty and loyalty of its action, why should it not allow us to present our claims to the High Court of Arbitration at the Hague, which all the nations of the world consider as the highest court of appeal in cases like this?

We trust, Sir, that you will consent to give these lines publicity in your columns, and beg to express, in advance, our sincerest and most heartfelt thanks.—

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